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1. FOLLOWING ARTICLE, REPEATED IN ITS ENTIRETY, APPEARED
ON THE 17 MARCH FREE PRESS JOURNAL FRONT PAGE:

QUOTE " BREAKTHROUGH IN DYNAMITE CASE"- WITH THE ARREST OF
THE MAN AT BANARAS (SIC) WHERE THE DYNAMITES FROM BARODA
WERE SUPPOSED TO BE DESPATCHED, THE GUJARAT POLICE CLAIMS TO
HAVE MADE MUCH HEADWAY IN UNEARTHING WHAT THEY CALL AN
INTER-STATE CONSPIRACY OF WIDESPREAD SABOTAGE.

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IT IS STATED THAT A MYSTERIOUS PERSON WHO HAD BEEN

ARRESTED IN BANARAS HAS MADE SOME STARTLING REVELATIONS WHICH HAVE HELPED THE GUJARAT POLICE AND THE CENTRAL BUREAU OF INTELLIGENCE WHO ARE WORKING HAND IN HAND IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE BARODA FIND LAST TUESDAY.

IT MAY BE RECALLED THAT 700 DYNAMITES HAD BEEN SEIZED FROM A GODOWN OF A TRANSPORT COMPANY IN BAROAD WHICH WERE MEANT TO BE DESPATCHED TO BANARAS. THE POLICE HAD ARRESTED INITIALLY A BARODA JOURNALIST AND A JANATA FRONT COUNCILLOR OF THE BARODA MUNICIPAL CORPORATION IN THIS CONTEXT.

WITH THE CLUE FOUND AFTER THE SEARCH OF THE HOUSE OF THE SAID JOURNALIST, THE POLICE NOW SUSPECT TWO MORE JOURNALISTS TO HAVE A HAND IN THE CONSPIRACY. ONE OF THE JOURNALISTS WAS ALREADY INTERROGATED WHILE SEARCH IS GOING ON FOR THE OTHER.

ACCORDING TO INFORMATION NOW AVAILABLE WITH THE INVESTIGATING OFFICERS, THE JANATA FRONT LEADERS FROM OTHER STATES ARE ALSO SUSPECTED TO HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN THE CONSPIRACY.

ACCORDING TO CONFESSION BY THE MAN ARRESTED FROM BANARAS, THE POLICE HAS REASON TO COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT IT WAS A COUNTRYWIDE CONSPIRACY OF WIDESPREAD SABOTAGE.

THE POLICE HAS ALSO INFORMATION THAT SOME TOP LEADER BELONGING TO ONE OF THE CONSTITUENTS OF THE JANATA FRONT WHO WAS WANTED BY THE CENTRE FOR ARREST UNDER MISA, STAYED IN BARODA FOR SOME TIME AND HAD CANVASSED INCOGNITO FOR THE JANATA FRONT CANDIDATES FOR THE CIVIC ELECTION IN THE CITY.

THE POLICE BELIEVE THAT THE CONSPIRACY WAS HATCHED AT THAT TIME WHEN THE SAID LEADER HAD, IT WAS ALLEGED, CONSPIRED WITH THE JOURNALISTS CONCERNED AND OTHER PERSONS IN BAROAD.

IN THE MEANTIME, THE POLICE HAVE ALSO QUESTIONED TWO BARODA INDUSTRIALISTS WITH WHOM THE ABSCONDING LEADER WAS SUPPOSED TO HAVE LIVED DURING HIS BARODA HIDE-OUT.
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THE SEARCH OF THE HOUSE OF THE ARRESTED JOURNALISTS IS ALSO UNDERSTOOD TO HAVE YIELDED SOME INCRIMINATORY DOCUMENTS. WITH THE INFORMATION NOW WITH THE POLICE IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE DYNAMITES HAD BEEN COLLECTED FROM VARIOUS PLACES IN PANCHMAHAL DISTRICTS AND WERE SENT TO OTHER STATES THRICE EARLIER.

IT IS ALSO STATED THAT THRICE THE EXPLOSIVES WERE
TRANSPORTED TO AHMEDABAD THROUGH CARS TO BE DESPATCHED
ELSEWHERE FROM THERE. IN ONE SUCH CASE, A CAR OF A FORMER
JANATA FRONT MINISTER WAS ALSO USED, IT IS REPORTED.
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